Marquette University
University Board of Undergraduate Studies

4 November 2015
Zilber Hall, Rm 470

Present: Sandra Cleveland, Alex Dinkel, Susanne Foster, Jeremy Fyke, M. Behnam Ghasemzadeh (chair), Jill Guttormson, Gary Meyer, Farrokh Nourzad, Anne Paserro, Stephanie Quade, Michael Slattery, John Su, Norman Sullivan, Joan Whipp

Absent: John Borg, Scott D’Urzo, Hannah Thirty

The meeting started at 1:05 p.m. with a reflection by Norman Sullivan

Approval of the Minutes: Dr. Ghasemzadeh moved that the minutes from the September meeting be approved. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Informational Items:

1. Academic Integrity Initiatives: Dr. Michelle Mynlieff gave a report on the progress of the Academic Integrity System’s operation over the first few weeks of the semester. Initiatives to standardize policies and procedures, foster integrity and educate students and faculty on issues surrounding integrity are all well underway. The number of reported cases (46 in the first eight weeks) is up compared to last year (110 over the course of the year). The rise was predicted, as people become more aware of the importance of reporting cases. It is predicted that the number of cases will drop off, once the campus climate with regard to integrity begins to change. Dr. Meyer and UBUS congratulate and than Dr. Mynlieff for her work as the inaugural Director of Academic Integrity.

2. Dr. Stephanie Quade reported that the MU attendance policy seems to be implemented in uneven and occasionally unfortunate ways. Dr. Quade and Foster will bring the policy back to CAPS for reconsideration and possible revision. Members of UBUS were invited to volunteer to be part of the discussion.

New Business:

1. The discontinuation of the Theology for Catholic School Ministry major was discussed. Dr. Masson was not present, but the program has had only 1 graduate in 12 years, and currently has no students enrolled. Dr. Whipp was able to add that an initiative for the School of Education will be able to meet the need for which the Theology for Catholic School Ministry major was initially created. Dr. Ghasemzadeh moved and the board voted unanimously to support the discontinuation of the major.

The meeting was adjourned 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susanne Foster